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dressing an audience at Yeshiniversity, Shultz said: "The ud upholds the universal law of efense, saying, 'If one comes I you, make haste and kill him

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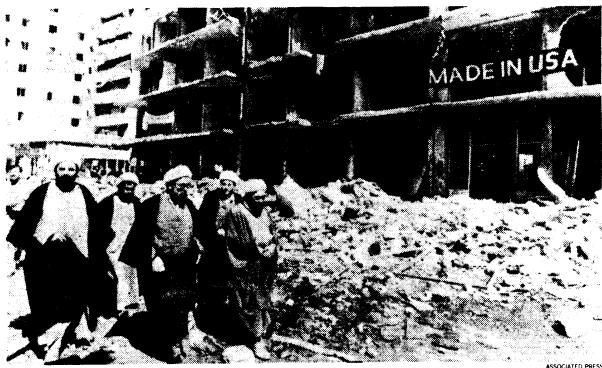
fording to the sources, Reagan ved the covert "finding" auing CIA training and support ntiterrorist units in Lebanon efore Shultz gave the speech ecember.

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o sources said that the Sept. errorist bombing of the U.S. ssy annex in Beirut last year d persuade officials that they develop some means of preng planned terrorist attacks. the fact, officials learned that ntelligence agencies had oversatellite photographs of what ught to be the van used in the e bombing.

ose photos showed the vehicle le a mock-up of the embassy that the terrorists were usr a practice run, sources said. ugh the connection was estabafter the fact, the sources hat, in the future, this kind of gence might be part of the for a preemptive attack.

e source argued that the deto use a covert team



Apartment house in Beirut suburb after March 8 car-bombing in runaway mission. Blast killed more than 80 persons.

amounted to recreating for the CIA a role it played in its early years, before the Watergate scandal and subsequent congressional investigations of the agency dampened its ardor for clandestine operations.

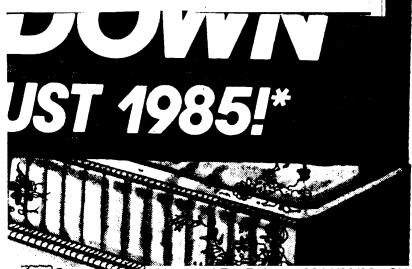
Accordingly, this source said, Reagan's decision to authorize the covert team was "the final curtain on the legacy of both Vietnam and Watergate." Of all the Reagan administration's decisions on national security, this source said, "It was the most tricky, the most controversial and sensitive [It] took the most goading to get change."

But when the operation went astray after the Lebanese went ahead with an unapproved carbombing, officials involved in the plan felt they had no alternative to canceling U.S. support for the antiterrorist squads.

One official who favored creation of the units said: "If you take terrorism seriously, as we must, you've got to realize that it could get worse If we had information on some terrorists involved in nuclear detonation practice, you've got to act. No choice. That is the type of issue we are going to have to face, and we better be ready."

Staff researcher Barbara Feinman contributed to this report.

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